



CHARLESTON
ORPHAN HOUSE

FOUNDED 1790

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE YEAR
1917

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN.

SAM'L G. STONEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

S. E. WELCH, VICE-CHAIRMAN PRO TEM.

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| V. C. DIBBLE, | D. B. HENDERSON, |
| F. Q. O'NEILL, | R. H. DURYEY, |
| I. W. HIRSCH, | A. B. MURRAY, |

PAUL W. SANDERS.

OFFICERS.

Principal and Superintendent.

MISS MARY L. LEQUEUX.

Assistants to Principal and Superintendent.

MISS O. A. EISERHARDT, Mrs. E. L. PAYNE.

Teachers.

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| MISS O. A. EISERHARDT, | MISS MARY E. HAMLIN, |
| MISS MARY MCNEILL, | MISS ALICE SMITH, |
| MISS BARNWELL WILLIAMS, | MISS EMMA MCCALLMAN. |

Kindergarten Department.

MISS MARY E. MILLER, Miss LULA B. HAM.

Organist and Instructor of Music.

MISS ELLA I. HYAMS.

Stenography and Typewriting.

MISS HELEN K. DAVIS.

Instructor in Violin.

MISS MABEL A. SAXTON.

Engineer and Assistant to Superintendent.

ASHLEY L. BARTON.

Sewing Department.

MISS DORA A. SWEATMAN.

Matrons.

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| Mrs. B. C. HARRIS, | Mrs. R. H. BULWINKLE, |
| MISS E. ESCOFFIER, | MISS A. SALISBURY. |

Physician to the Institution.

DR. T. GRANGE SIMONS.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH.

STANDING COMMITTEES.
COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS AND
DISCIPLINE.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS, EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN.

SAM'L G. STONEY, EX-OFFICIO VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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| B. A. Muckenfuss, | I. W. Hirsch, |
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| Robt. C. Lebby, | F. Q. O'Neill, |

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COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

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COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

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| S. G. Stoney, Chairman. | D. B. Henderson, |
| I. W. Hirsch, | Paul W. Sanders. |

COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND
REFORM.

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| R. H. Duryea, | Robt. C. Lebby, |

COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE.

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| R. H. Duryea, | Paul W. Sanders. |

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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| Robt. C. Lebby, | S. E. Welch |

COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL AND ANNIVERSARY.

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| S. E. Welch, | V. C. Dibble. |

BINDING-OUT COMMITTEE.

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| Robt. C. Lebby, Chairman. | I. W. Hirsch, |
| V. C. Dibble, | A. B. Murray. |

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

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| A. B. Murray, Chairman. | R. H. Duryea, |
| V. C. Dibble, | F. Q. O'Neill. |

CHARLESTON ORPHAN HOUSE.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 1, 1918.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present herewith the statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1917; statement of the transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House Funds and Estate; statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private Fund of the Commissioners; also the reports of the various Standing Committees for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1917, together with my report as Chairman.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
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| To amount received from interest on Public Fund | \$ 9,996.23 |
| To amount received from interest on W. Jefferson Bennett Memorial Fund | 2,000.00 |
| To amount received from Commissioners' Trust Fund | 3,904.64 |
| To amount received from Estate of Dr. R. L. Brodie | 1,791.54 |
| To amount received from City Council | 13,998.24 |
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| | \$31,690.65 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| By amount expended as per monthly returns to City Council | \$25,294.47 |
| By House Physician's Salary | 700.00 |
| By amount expended from Commissioners' Trust Fund | 5,696.18 |
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| | \$31,690.65 |

ST. JOHN P. KINLOCH,
Treasurer B. C. C. O. H.

Cash transactions of the Trustees of the Orphan House
Funds and Estate, January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last Annual Statement:

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| Trustees | \$ 38,212.83 |
| W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund..... | 12,304.41 |
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| | \$ 50,517.24 |

To Trustees:

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| 12 mos. interest on \$201,500 City 4 per cent. Bonds | 8,060.00 |
| Interest on deposits | 1,936.23 |
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| | 9,996.23 |

To W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:

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| 12 mos. interest on \$98,000 City 4 per cent. Bonds | 3,920.00 |
| 12 mos. interest on \$11,000 5 per cent. City of Columbia Bonds..... | 550.00 |
| 12 mos. interest on \$10,000 City 4 per cent. Sewerage Bonds | 400.00 |
| Interest on deposits | 745.79 |
| | 5,615.79 |
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| | \$ 66,129.26 |

EXPENDITURES.

By Trustees:

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| Interest paid over to City for current expenses Charleston Orphan House | \$ 9,996.23 | |
| <i>W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:</i> | | |
| For current expenses Charleston Orphan House | 2,000.00 | |
| | | 11,996.23 |
| Balance: Trustees | \$ 38,212.83 | |
| Balance: W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund | 15,920.20 | 54,133.03 |
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| | | \$ 66,129.26 |
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ASSETS.

Trustees:

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| Cash | \$ 38,212.83 |
| City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds | 201,500.00 |
| <i>W. J. Bennett Memorial Fund:</i> | |
| Cash | \$ 15,920.20 |
| City of Charleston 4 per cent. Bonds | 98,000.00 |
| City of Charleston 4 per cent. Sewerage Bonds | 10,000.00 |
| City of Columbia 5 per cent. Bonds | 11,000.00 |
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| | \$134,920.20 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. LEA,
City Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman Charleston Orphan House and Trustee Orphan House Funds and Estate.

W. J. BENNETT MEMORIAL FUND.

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1917 Cash in Bank | \$ 15,920.20 |
| 1913 Bonds purchased | 2,500.00 |
| 1912 Bonds purchased | 1,500.00 |
| 1911 Bonds purchased | 5,400.00 |
| 1909 Bonds purchased | 1,000.00 |
| 1908 Bonds purchased | 2,300.00 |
| 1907 Bonds purchased | 2,200.00 |
| 1906 Bonds purchased | 2,100.00 |
| 1905 Bonds purchased | 2,000.00 |
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| | \$ 34,920.20 |
| Original donation | 100,000.00 |
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| | \$134,920.20 |

Cash in bank drawing 4 $\frac{15}{16}$ per cent. interest on daily balances.

List of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities belonging to the Private Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House exhibited to us by St. John P. Kinloch, Treasurer, and deposited in lock box at the Germania Savings Bank, this 6th day of November, 1917:

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| 38 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each..\$1,000 | \$38,000.00 |
| 64 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each.. 500 | 32,000.00 |
| 3 City of Charleston 4½% Bonds, each 500 | 1,500.00 |
| 2 City of Columbia 4½% Bonds, each 1,000 | 2,000.00 |
| 4 City of Florence 5% Bonds, each.... 1,000 | 4,000.00 |
| 1 Certificate for 20 shares Magnolia Cemetery Stock, par | 2,000.00 |
| 1 Certificate for 7 Shares Bank of Charleston, N. B. A., Stock, par | 700.00 |

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| 1 Certificate for 5 Shares Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co. Stock, par | 500.00 |
| 1 Deed for 6 Lots in Magnolia Cemetery. Property of the Dr. William H. Huger Scholarship Fund, 5 City of Charles- ton 4% Bonds, each | \$1,000 5,000.00 |
| Accrued interest on deposit in bank, December 31st, 1917 | 483.99 |

I. W. HIRSCH, *Chairman.*

SAM'L G. STONEY,

S. E. WELCH,

ROBT. C. LEBBY,

Finance Committee.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

TRUST ESTATES.

ESTATE OF DR. ROBERT L. BRODIE.

In October, 1917, the Hon. Joseph W. Barnwell, Trustee of the above estate, rendered a statement of its affairs to the Board of Commissioners, showing that he held at that time investements as follows:

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| In Bonds and First Mortgages on real estate..... | \$90,000.00 |
| In Bonds of municipalities in South Carolina.... | 38,000.00 |
| In cash | 37.66 |
| Two-fifths undivided interest in San Francisco realty, estimated value at death..... | 21,000.00 |
| (But this valuation has, I am informed, suffered a substantial decline along with much of the real estate of San Francisco.) | |
| Lot in Asheville, N. C. | 50.00 |

The securities were examined and the accounts of the Trustee were approved by Geo. W. Williams, Chairman of

the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House, and Geo. B. Buell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage. There are living at this time four annuitants, who receive annually \$4,000 from the net income of the estate, the balance, under the terms of the will, is then paid each year, one-half to the Trustees of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, and one-half to the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House. Upon the death of all the annuitants the estate is to be divided equally between the two Orphanages.

Dr. Wm. H. Huger Scholarship Fund, founded by Mrs. Dr. Wm. H. Huger, the beneficiary of which shall always be a boy:

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| 5 City of Charleston 4% Bonds, each.....\$1,000 | \$5,000.00 |
| Accrued interest on deposit in bank, Decem- ber 31, 1917 | 483.99 |

I. W. HIRSCH, *Chairman.*
SAM'L G. STONEY,
ROBT. C. LEBBY,
S. E. WELCH,

Committee on Accounts.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

The Adolph F. C. Cramer Scholarship Fund, created by the late Mrs. Deborah K. Cramer as a memorial to her husband, Adolph F. C. Cramer.

The income from this fund to be used to enable an orphan to obtain a higher education, collegiate, scientific or otherwise, as the Commissioners may decide:

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| Amount of bequest | \$5,000.00 |
| Amount received on account | 2,500.00 |

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| Accrued interest | 36.45 |
| On deposit in bank | 2,536.45 |

I. W. HIRSCH, *Chairman.*

SAM'L G. STONEY,

ROBT. C. LEBBY,

S. E. WELCH,

Committee on Accounts.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Private Fund of the Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year ending December 31st, 1917:

DR.

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| To balance from last account | \$1,321.66 |
| “ interest on securities | 3,481.50 |
| “ income from Dr. R. L. Brodie estate | 1,791.54 |
| “ on account bequest Miss Ellen King (held for purchase of organ as memorial)..... | 2,500.00 |
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| | \$9,094.70 |

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| By paid salaries of officers and teachers..... | \$2,706.15 |
| “ “ City Directory and bank box rent..... | 20.00 |
| “ “ books for library and prizes | 201.77 |
| “ “ music lessons, books and instruments.... | 363.09 |
| “ “ memorial resolutions and tributes, | 113.53 |
| “ “ donations to teachers and employees.... | 124.60 |
| “ “ trees for grounds | 53.30 |
| “ “ expenses annual picnic | 169.66 |
| “ “ fire and tornado insurance on buildings | 682.30 |
| “ “ care lot in Magnolia Cemetery | 30.00 |

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| By paid tuition and expenses student at Lander | |
| College | 352.29 |
| “ “ glasses for children | 18.75 |
| “ “ printing Annual Reports, 1916..... | 75.00 |
| “ “ extra nursing of children | 102.80 |
| “ “ funeral expenses of child | 50.00 |
| “ “ stenography lessons and typewriter | 153.10 |
| “ “ clothing for inmates and household furniture | 253.55 |
| “ “ wire screening porch | 223.29 |
| “ “ postage stamps and cards | 3.00 |
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| | \$5,696.18 |
| Balance in bank | 3,398.52 |
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| | \$9,094.70 |

Examined and found correct,

I. W. HIRSCH,
S. G. STONEY,
S. E. WELCH,
ROBT. C. LEBBY,

Committee on Accounts.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

The 127th anniversary of the founding of the Charleston Orphan House was appropriately observed on the afternoon of October 19, 1917, in the presence of Mayor Tristram T. Hyde, the Board of Commissioners and some of the friends of the institution.

The musical features of the occasion were the subject

of much favorable comment, every one present being loud in praise of the excellency to which the children have been brought in their song and instrumental work. Chairman George W. Williams paid a high tribute to the memory of John Robertson, through whose efforts, in 1790, the Orphan House was founded, and the late W. Jefferson Bennett, William C. Bee and Miss Agnes Irving, who by their long and faithful interest well merited the honor of being especially remembered on these anniversary occasions. The Chairman also feelingly referred to the many Orphan House boys who are now serving their country in its hour of need.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Opening Song, "March, Comrades, March," by the School.
Prayer, by Rev. D. M. McLeod.

Recitation of the 27th Psalm by the School.

Instrumental Solos, "The Swallow," "The Avalanche," by
Katie Voight and Bettie Wise.

Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by recitations and the "Marseillaise."

Presentation of the Bennett Medal by Mayor T. T. Hyde to Bernard Missel, who also won the W. P. Cart Company Medal for Mathematics. This latter was presented by Commissioner F. Q. O'Neill.

Presentation of Prizes for Fidelity to Theresa Geischen, Swinton Lockwood and Helen Mazyck by Chairman G. W. Williams.

Songs, "The Mayflower," "Boat Song," by the School.

Instrumental Solo, "Valse Entrainante," by Jennie Oplan.

Presentation of Prizes for Industrial Department to Helen Mazyck, Bettie Wise, Helen Blicht, Joe Murphy, by Capt. S. G. Stoney.

Presentation of Carrington-Thomas Prizes for General Helpfulness by Capt. S. G. Stoney to Lena Lent and Gerald Robertson.

Hymn, "Give Ear Unto Me," by the School.

Presentation of Prize for Progress in Music and Helpfulness in the Music Department to Jennie Oplan.

Presentation of Premiums by Chairman Williams.

PREMIUM LIST.

FIRST DIVISION, SECOND CLASS.

First Premium, Helen Mazyck.

Second Premium, Joe Kates Harris.

SECOND DIVISION, SECOND CLASS.

Bettie Wise.

THIRD CLASS.

First Premium, Dorothy Heins.

Second Premium, Paul Kelly.

Third Premium, Richard Sonnichsen.

Fourth Premium, Louise Missell.

FOURTH CLASS.

First Premium, Charlie Blich.

Second Premium, Gerald Robertson.

Third Premium, Annie Ligon.

FIFTH CLASS.

First Premium, Gertrude Cooper.

Second Premium, Margaret Combahee.

Third Premium, Fletcher Mazyck.

Fourth Premium, Myrtle Heissenbittel.

SIXTH CLASS.

First Premium, Eliza Sonnichsen.
 Second Premium, Ruth Ruble.
 Third Premium, Kathleen Blich.
 Fourth Premium, Ernest Dantzler.

SEVENTH CLASS.

First Premium, Mary Mitchell.
 Second Premium, Malcolm Veno.
 Third Premium, Hermann Breuer.
 Fourth Premium, Helena Heins.
 Fifth Premium, Aurelia Cornellee.

KINDERGARTEN—TABLE 1.

First Premium, Beulah Knight.
 Second Premium, Leroy Heissenbittel.
 Third Premium, Katie Moran.
 Fourth Premium, Ruth Byrd.

KINDERGARTEN—TABLE 2.

First Premium, Warren Thompson.
 Second Premium, Ralph Millings.
 Third Premium, Elbert Dantzler.

Anniversary Anthem, by the School.
 Benediction, by the Rev. D. M. McLeod.

REPORT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Highest number of Scholars on Register during the year:
 Boys, 140; Girls, 126. Total, 266.
 The average attendance at School during the year:
 Boys, 129; Girls, 115. Total, 244.

Admitted during the year :

Boys, 18; Girls, 15. Total, 33.

Discharged during the year :

Boys, 31; Girls, 21. Total, 52.

The usual course of studies has been pursued. This year Stenography and Typewriting have been added, and in these branches commendable progress has been made.

During the year a class has been taking instructions on the violin, and has made marked progress in this study.

Lucia Hutchinson, who is attending Lander College, has rendered a good account of herself in her studies and deportment.

William H. Newton, who was entered in Clemson College in September, is making good progress in his studies and is especially commended for deportment.

Mr. A. B. Murray presented the School a revised and enlarged edition of the Century Dictionary (10 volumes in one). A valuable and appreciated gift.

BOYS INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

The boys employed in this department have aided materially in keeping down expenses in the institution by repair work to furniture, doors and windows. They have repaired 971 pairs of shoes, made 198 mattresses, 92 pillows, 6 new benches for the playground, overhauled, repaired and painted 231 beds, caned and repaired 47 chairs, 6 benches, 4 tables; put in 32 sash cords, glazed 92 windows and repaired 12 windows in the kitchen, 4 screen doors and 2 life savers, 4 clothes presses, 1 gate and side post; made a garden roller for the front yard and a new washer drum.

THE GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

The general seamstress, tailoring and dressmaking work of the institution is thoroughly done by the girls—the

younger being taught from one-half to an hour and a half daily, while the older girls give the time that can be spared from school and other duties. The following shows what has been done by these industrious workers:

They have made 525 summer dresses, 45 rompers, 116 aprons, 580 shirt waists, 369 fall and winter dresses, 1,069 boys' and girls' underwear, 176 pairs of garters, hemmed 200 doilies and table cloths, 1,624 sheets, towels, pillow cases and bed ticks; altered and repaired 623 suits and dresses. The neat and tidy appearance of the children is the best evidence of the efficiency and thoroughness of this department.

The Laundry work has been done by three washers with the aid of the girls, who handled 708,456 pieces.

S. E. WELCH, *Chairman.*

SAM'L G. STONEY,

A. B. MURRAY,

V. C. DIBBLE,

B. A. MUCKENFUSS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS AND DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Improvements and Discipline is pleased to report many improvements made during the past year, which have contributed much to the comfort and welfare of the wards and other inmates of the House.

The excellent discipline which for many years has been so conspicuous in the management of affairs, and has given the Charleston Orphan House its high reputation as second to no similar institution anywhere, is still fully maintained. Respect for law and those in authority is general and habit-

ual. This not only finds expression in prompt obedience and good order, but adds greatly to the happiness of the wards, and is preparing them to properly meet the responsibilities and discharge the obligations of citizenship, and of manhood and womanhood, when they leave the home of their childhood, to take their place and do their work in the world without.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

S. E. WELCH,

B. A. MUCKENFUSS,

S. G. STONEY,

F. Q. O'NEILL,

I. W. HIRSCH,

D. B. HENDERSON,

A. B. MURRAY,

ROBT. C. LEBBY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT
AND REFORM.

Your Committee makes no recommendation, as they find economy practiced in all departments and a disposition on the part of the management to retrench wherever possible.

We are unable, after investigation, to note or suggest any necessity for reform.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Q. O'NEILL, *Chairman.*

ROBT. C. LEBBY,

D. B. HENDERSON,

R. H. DURYEA.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

Front wall repaired and cemented.
 School room ceiling repaired and painted and School
 room floor stained.
 Corridors 2, Stairways 4, Entries 4 repaired and painted.
 Small dining room painted.
 New door installed in Boys' Play Room.
 3 Private rooms repaired and painted.
 3 Concrete "foot baths" made in lavatories.
 Sleeping porch built on east end of main building.
 50 Window glasses put in house.
 60 Sash cords put in windows.
 Woodwork, plastering, plumbing repaired in various parts
 of the house.
 Boiler furnace repaired.
 500-Gallon iron tank for cistern water installed.
 1,000-Gallon tank relined with concrete and cemented.
 All of above work has been thoroughly and carefully
 done under the supervision of Assistant Superintendent
 A. L. Barton.

SAM'L G. STONEY, *Chairman.*
 D. B. HENDERSON,
 I. W. HIRSCH,
 PAUL W. SANDERS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PURVEYANCE.

The Committee on Purveyance begs to submit their report
 of the purchases and expenses for the year 1917:

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| Groceries, soap, etc. | \$ 4,596.37 |
| Bread | 2,584.20 |
| Meat | 994.25 |

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| Dry goods, shoes, etc. | 2,346.32 |
| Milk | 1,318.20 |
| Repairs | 1,898.00 |
| Salaries | 7,862.50 |
| Miscellaneous sundries | 1,661.25 |
| Insurance | 101.95 |
| Fuel | 1,509.36 |
| Forage | 26.98 |
| Books, printing, etc. | 71.50 |
| Lights | 141.14 |
| Drugs and disinfectants | 182.45 |
| Physician's salary paid by City Treasurer | 700.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$25,994.47 |

The garden in the Spring and Summer gave substantial assistance in the matter of food supply. The Fall crop, owing to the drought, and afterwards the early freeze, was practically a failure. The boys assisted the gardener very cheerfully and faithfully.

The following vegetables were furnished:

122 Bunches turnips (10 to the bunch).

1233 Bunches radishes (10 to the bunch).

206 Bunches beets (10 to the bunch).

8 Barrels carrots.

1 Bushel green peas.

6 Bushels cowpeas.

12 Pecks okra.

6 Pecks bell pepper.

55 Crates snap beans.

2 Crates Lima beans.

167 Head cabbage.

102 Dozen onions.

65 Dozen white squash.

- 18 Dozen egg plant.
- 30 Dozen lettuce.
- 215 Dozen tomatoes.
- 9 Dozen cucumbers.
- 94 Dozen ears corn.
- 50 Pumpkins.

D. B. HENDERSON, *Chairman.*
 ROBT. H. DURYEA,
 B. A. MUCKENFUSS,
 PAUL W. SANDERS.

REPORT OF BINDING-OUT COMMITTEE.

The Binding-Out Committee respectfully submits the following report of admissions to and discharges from the Orphan House during the year ending December 31, 1917:

Boys admitted, 21; Girls, 16. Total, 37.

Boys discharged, 32; Girls, 21. Total, 53.

Six of the boys discharged and three of the girls had secured good positions before leaving the Home, and so far have made a good record. Two boys entered the navy and are doing well.

The other children who were withdrawn were given to relatives (whose circumstances had improved) and are, with few exceptions, attending school.

ROBT. C. LEBBY, *Chairman.*
 I. W. HIRSCH,
 A. B. MURRAY,
 VIRGIL C. DIBBLE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library begs to report that there are now in the Library 5,300 volumes and 475 pamphlets and magazines.

Since last report there have been added to the Library 55 books and 25 pamphlets and magazines.

The children draw books from the Library regularly throughout the year, but in the summer vacation devote more time to reading, under the supervision of the Librarian, the assistant teachers and the older girls assisting by reading suitable books to the younger children.

Three thousand, four hundred and thirty-eight books have been drawn during the year.

A. B. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

V. C. DIBBLE,

ROBT. H. DURYEA,

F. Q. O'NELL.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON CHAPEL AND ANNIVERSARY.

The Sabbath afternoon services have known no interruptions throughout the year. On two occasions, owing to inclement weather, the service was held in the school room. Five visiting ministers have officiated: Rev. W. H. Adams, Rev. J. O. Reavis, D. D., Rev. A. R. Woodson, Rev. John McSweet, Jr., Chaplain U. S. A., and Rev. John Brockenshire, Chaplain U. S. N.

The music continues to be a very attractive feature of the services, and the children have kept up their good reputation for attention and deportment.

The Committee again returns thanks to those of the resident Clergy who have so readily responded to the demands made upon them.

B. A. MUCKENFUSS, *Chairman.*
 S. E. WELCH,
 V. C. DIBBLE,
 F. Q. O'NEILL.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

As Chairman of the Board, it becomes my duty to transmit to you the foregoing financial statements and the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board of Commissioners of the Charleston Orphan House for the year 1917:

On January 1, 1917, there were in the House:

Boys, 141; Girls, 127. Total, 268:

Admissions during the year:

Boys, 21; Girls, 16. Total, 37

Withdrawals during the year:

Boys, 33; Girls, 21. Total, 54.

Highest number on Register during the year:

Boys, 144; Girls, 128. Total, 272.

On December 31, 1917, there were in the House:

Boys, 129; Girls, 122. Total, 251.

The health of the children during the past year has been good. Eddie Collins, who came to us in a depleted condition, died at the age of three years, and five months at the City Hospital on July 19th. During the last seventeen years but eleven children have died; seven of these were too feeble when admitted to be restored to health, so that but four have died from normal causes. For this good

record we are very grateful. To Doctors B. A. Muckenfuss and Charles W. Kollock, who have given another year of service in their profession whenever called upon to render aid to the orphans, the Board desires to make its acknowledgments.

The Sunday School has felt the effects of the withdrawal of several of its teachers, who are now serving the country; however, under the superintendency of Mr. C. O. Getty, and with the help of the staff of the House, satisfactory work has been accomplished by the school during the year.

Under the policy of the Board a college education is open to those who are ambitious and are willing to prepare themselves for it.

Lucia Hutchinson, our representative at Lander, and W. H. Newton at Clemson, are doing creditable work.

Satisfactory progress has been made during the year in music under the instruction of Miss Ella I. Hyams, the Musical Director.

In May a song festival was held at the Hibernian Hall, at which time the Children's Chorus of the Orphan House acquitted itself most creditably. With a nicely arranged program and with a stage setting appropriate to the occasion, a very happy impression was carried away by all of the friends of the orphans who were fortunate enough to have been present.

From time to time the children have enjoyed talks from men distinguished in their life work.

Among the most representative who visited them during the year were General Adolphus W. Greely, American Arctic explorer; Mr. John C. Freund, Editor of Musical America, recognized authority on music in this country; Dr. Hastings H. Hart, Director of the Child Helping Bureau

of the Russell Sage Foundation, and Dr. Walter G. Chase, of Boston, whose instructive lecture on Japan, with stereopticon slides, was much enjoyed.

Twice during the year Mr. Albert S. Johnstone, Secretary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, visited the Home, and on one occasion, as Chairman, at the request of the Secretary, I visited Columbia in the interests of the work of the Orphan House.

Recreation suitable to the children is given them from time to time during the year. The picnic at Otranto in April is the one all-day outing to which they eagerly look forward from one year to another.

From the executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Deborah K. Cramer the Commissioners have received \$2,500 of the \$5,000 which she bequeathed to the Orphan House as a memorial to her husband, the late Adolph F. C. Cramer, who was for many years a Commissioner of the Orphan House.

Under the terms of the will the income from the fund must be used in giving an orphan a higher education, collegiate, scientific or otherwise, as the Commissioners may decide.

In December, 1917, the Commissioners received from a friend of the Home a donation of \$5,000 in United States 4 per cent. 2d Liberty Loan Bonds as a memorial to our late Chairman, Mr. Francis J. Pelzer.

Mrs. Amelia L. Reilly resigned as teacher in July, after many years of devoted service. The Board accepted her resignation with regret and passed suitable resolutions and presented her with a choice piece of silver in token of her fidelity during a life, most of which was spent in the Home.

A tablet has been placed in Memorial Hall in memory of the late Dr. Robert Little Brodie, who so generously remembered the orphans of Charleston by leaving to them one-half of his residuary estate, which reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF

ROBERT LITTLE BRODIE, M. D.

Born

September 5, 1829,

Died October 2, 1913.

Graduate of

The College of Charleston,

The Medical College of

South Carolina.

Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.,

Surgeon C. S. A.,

and Medical Director on

Staff of Gen. Beauregard.

President of the

Medical Society of S. C.

Eminent Physician

at Mobile, Ala.,

and at Charleston, S. C.

Brave yet gentle,

learned, skilful, diligent,

accomplished yet modest.

He lived and died

an humble believer

in the faith of his fathers.

He gave

Seventy Thousand Dollars,

one-half of his Residuary

Estate to the Charleston

Orphan House.

On February 5th, Miss Ellen King passed away. When she was two years of age she entered the Orphan House, and for over seventy years lived in the House. Faithful, devoted teacher, her earnest Christian character has made its impress on the lives of many children. She bequeathed \$5,000, a very large part of her life-long savings, to the Orphan House.

While the exactions incident to the war are being felt in many ways, we are preparing, with proper vision, to meet the still more pressing conditions which must come to us in the near future.

In closing I beg to thank all of our loyal assistants who have helped us to continue to maintain our place in the forefront of the orphanages of the country.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,

Chairman Board of Commissioners Charleston Orphan House.

